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For: SEPTIC SYSTEM TANK
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Preliminary Amendment before first Office Action

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Consideration of this application as amended is requested.

Paragraph [0037] is amended.

Claims 7, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 are previously presented. Claims 8, 9 and 10 are as-filed.

Claims 1-6, 11, 13, 14 and 16 are canceled. Claims 22-35 are added.

Figs. 6, 7, and 8 are provided with additional drawing designator numbers for purpose of description.

Basis for the amendment of paragraph [0037] may be found in as filed paragraph [0037] and in Figs. 6, 7, and 8.

Basis for new claims 22-35 may be found in the specification in paragraph [0037] and in Figs. 6, 7, and 8. No new material is added.

New claims 17-21 presented in this preliminary amendment include description of the rim area disclosed in the specification and drawings.

Amendments in the previous preliminary amendment filed October 21, 2003 were made in view of art cited by the Applicant and Examiner, and reasons for rejections in 11/4/02 and 4/30/03 Office Actions on patent application serial number 10/004,198 filed 11/01/2001 and subsequent responsive amendments, by Examiner Stephen J. Castellano in art unit 3727. Applicant

believes that the claims as amended overcome the rejections and will be patentable over the art.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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